



CITY OF Madisonville

Kevin Cotton
MAYOR

April 14, 2022

Mr. Robert Ramey
Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville
900 Hospital Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

Dear Mr. Ramey,

I am writing this letter of support for the Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville Inpatient and Outpatient Behavioral Health Implementation application. A lack of access to sufficient behavioral health services has had a major impact on our county as we see an increase in those with substance use disorders and mental health disorders as a contributing factor to incarceration, recidivism, job loss and dissolving families. While a few organizations in the region are focused on addressing the substance abuse portion of this issue, we lack the behavioral health services needed to make a significant difference.

Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's plan to provide expanded inpatient and new outpatient behavioral health services in our community is critical to our efforts to address this epidemic. Major gaps include access to acute services and limited support upon release from inpatient treatment to an outpatient setting. Please accept this letter as my commitment to work with Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville to identify ways that we can address these gaps and to increase awareness of the services available for this population.

I have personally seen the need for behavioral health services in our community. Without these services, many will continue to move in and out of the criminal justice system with little hope of becoming successful, productive members of our community. If funded, I look forward to working collaboratively with Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville to address this critical issue and to make life better for those in Hopkins County.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MADISONVILLE

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Kevin Cotton
Mayor



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

STATE SENATE

April 20, 2022

Mr. Robert Ramey
Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville
900 Hospital Drive
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Please accept this letter of support for the Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville Inpatient and Outpatient Behavioral Health Implementation application. I understand it is the hospital's plan to provide expanded inpatient and new outpatient behavioral health services in the community and that these services are critical to all efforts being made to address this situation.

Over the years, I have witnessed the need for behavioral health services in my district. I want to see many become successful, productive members of this area. I anticipate working collaboratively with Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville to address this critical issue and to make life better for those in Hopkins County and the surrounding area.

I look forward to working with Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville and others in community to identify ways in which we can address identified gaps and increase the awareness of the services available. It is now my pleasure to represent Hopkins County, and I want to be involved in such worthy ways to increase awareness of and solutions for this issue.

I believe this to be a worthwhile endeavor. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me about this or other issues. Feel free to call me on my cell phone at 270-724-9981 or at my Frankfort office at 502-564-8100. My legislative email address is robby.mills@lrc.ky.gov, and the mailing address is Kentucky General Assembly, Capitol Annex, Room 209, 702 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-3448.

Sincerely,

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Robert M. "Robby" Mills
State Senator
District 4

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April 22, 2022

Mr. Robert Ramey, President
Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital, Madisonville
900 Hospital Drive
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

Dear President Ramey:

I would like to offer my support for the Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville inpatient and outpatient behavioral health implementation proposal. I am pleased there is a potential opportunity for federal investment in this project as it will have a positive impact on the region.

Our community will benefit greatly from an enhanced inpatient and new outpatient mental health services facility. Behavioral health needs impact our residents and resources are severely limited. Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's project will go a long way to help address the current gaps in care.

If there is anything I can do to help your work in the community, please do not hesitate to call my Frankfort office at 502-564-8100.

Sincerely,

Jim Gooch, Jr.
State Representative

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